1	2	3	4	5	6
15.	Meghalaya	350	50	358	220
16.	Mizoram	1348	847	1348	-
17.	Nagaland	596	977	596	-
18.	Orissa	9985	15656	9985	8462
19.	Punjab	3870	3324	3870	1125
20.	Rajasthan	10813	9830	10813	1965
21.	Sikkim	184	156	184	0
22.	Tamilnadu	16082	20940	16082	4178
23.	Tripura	1689	2680	1689	921
24.	Uttar Pradesh	63649	62394	63649	38629
25.	West Bengal	17421	20711	17421	10474
26.	A&N Islands	476	448	476	39
27.	Daman & Diu	30	145	30	75
28.	D&N Haveli	25	95	25	12
29.	Lakshadweep	4	11	4	12
30.	Pondicherry	184	356	184	-
	Total	303821	281874	303821	199660

Off-Shore Divers on Strike

845. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the off-shore divers working for ONGC have threatened to go on strike;

(b) if so, the detail of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Bharatiya Gotakhor Sangh, an Association representing divers employed by a contractor engaged by ONGC Ltd., has raised certain issues with the Corporation and has stated that in case proper action was not taken to rectify the same, the Association would be forced to give a call for strike.

(b) (i) Direct employment for divers and technicians;

(ii) Deboarding of foreign divers engaged by the contractor from the vessels deployed by the contractor and deportation of such foreign divers from the country;

(iii) Strict adoption of international safety norms relating to diving; and

(iv) Ensuring payment of unpaid wages of divers by the contractor.

(c) Services of divers through contractor are obtained on contract by ONGC Ltd., strictly based on need. The Corporation ensures that various terms of the contract agreement entered into with the contractor, including strict compliance of international safety norms and payment of wages by the contractor to his employees, are followed by the contractor.

Public Sector Oil Companies

846. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed and achievements made with respect to exploratory drilling and development drilling by various Public Sector Oil Companies during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the names of the sites where both kinds of drilling have been carried out during the last two years;

(c) whether target fixed has been achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The targets and achievements of ONGC and OIL, the two Public Sector Undertakings, in respect of exploratory and development drillings metreage during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97, are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) In the case of ONGC development drilling targets have been overachieved in both the years whereas there was shortfall in exploratory drilling. Drilling achievements in both the years were marginally less due to environmental problems in North-East, drilling of deeper wells and undertaking exploratory drilling in frontier areas.

As regards Oil India Ltd., there has been a shortfall in achieving the drilling targets mainly on account of the following reasons :-

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i) Environmental problems like bandhs and niscreant activities.

ii) Delay in preparation of drilling sites due to excessive rain/water logging/floods.

iii) Various surface and sub-surface problems in a number of drilling wells arising out of ageing rigs.

iv) Non-availability of Man-Management Contract Services for drilling rigs as planned.

v) Non-availability of the charter hired rigs throughout the year 1995-96.

vi) Unusually slow progress in a superdeep (6100 m) exploratory well in A.P. due to No. of surface and sub-surface complications.

vii) Drilling in the North Bank of River Brahmaputra could not be started because of reasons connected to contract finalisation/mobilization.

SAURASHTRA EXPLORATION PROJECT

Severe sub-surface problems encountered while drilling the first well.

NORTH-EAST COAST

Programme deferred.

Statement

Targets and achievements of ONGC and OIL in respect of exploratory and development drilling during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97.

ONGC

	(1995-96) Targets (as per MOU)	('000 m) Actual Achievement
Exploratory drilling	629.015	472.861
Develoment drilling	377.681	418.012
Total	1006.696	890.873

(1996-97)

	(April'96 - January'97) Targets (as per Draft MOU 1996-97)	('000 m) Actual Achievement
Exploratory drilling	506.130	363.530
Development drilling	269.105	282.162
Total	775.235	645.692

Note: ONGC M.O.U. has not been signed for 1996-97.

OIL INDIA LIMITED

	1995-96 Targets	('000 m) Achievements
Exploratory drilling	73.50	31.530
Development drilling	49.00	51.452
Total	122.50	82.982
	1996-97 Target	('000 m) Achievement
Exploratory drilling	70.70	46.37
Development drilling	69.30	59.00
Total	140.00	105.37

Grants for NGOs

847. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants given to Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) all over the country;

(b) the criteria adopted for sanction of grants to these NGOs;

(c) whether the utilisation of these funds by NGOs are monitored by the Government; and

(d) if so, whether any misuse of funds have been detected by the Government and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to prevent these misuse of funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART), a registered society under the aegis of this Ministry, provides financial assistance to voluntary organisations having at least three years experience after registration as a society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 or under the corresponding State Act, or as a Trust registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 or the Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920 for undertaking rural development projects. While considering